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SUBJECT: "UKRAINIAN PRAVDA" ATTACKS WESTERN MEDIA

1. UNDER A NEW RUBRIC, "WHAT THEY HIDE FROM MR. JONES",
AN APRIL 16 "PRAVDA UKRAINY" PIECE BY M. DERIMOV PURPOTS
TO EXPOSE NATURE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF "DISINFORMATION
STEREOTYPES" CHURNED OUT BY IMPERIALISTIC PROPAGANDA
ORGANS. THE PURPOSE IS TO CONFUSE AND OBFUSCATE TRUTH
NOT ONLY FOR WESTERNERS BUT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS
WELL. DEMIDOV PROMISES THAT "PRAVDA UKRAINY" WILL RETURN
TO THIS THEME UNDER ITS NEW RUBRIC. IN THIS FIRST OF THE
PROMISED SERIES, DEMIDOV CITES NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF
WESTERN MEDIA ALLEGEDLY DISTORTING MAJOR INTERNATIONAL
ISSUES SUCH AS PALESTINIAN QUESTION FOR PROPAGANDA
PURPOSES OF CAPITALIST GOVERNMENTS AND UTILIZING MANY
PARAGRAPHS TO PAINT GLOOMY PICTURE OF AVERAGE AMERICAN
(MR. JONES) VICTIMIZED BY COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA, MAIN
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THRUST OF DERIMOV'S PIECE IS HARMFUL EFFECT OF CAPITALIST
INFORMATION ORGANS BEYOND OWN BORDERS IN THIRD WORLD
INTO WHICH THEY SEEK TO EXTEND THEIR DOMINANCE OF
INFORMATION AND CONTINUE THEIR DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN.

2. DERIMOV SINGLES OUT VOICE OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL
CRITICISM AS PURVEYOR OF PROPAGANDA. HE INSISTS THAT

REGARDLESS OF STRAUS STATEMENT THAT VOA IS NOT THE VOICE OF GOVERNMENT BUT VOICE OF AMERICA, THIS IS ANYTHING BUT CASE AND VOA REMAINS DISINFORMATION INSTRUMENT OF US GOVERNMENT. DERIMOV GLOATS, HOWEVER, THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE NOT AS NAIVE AS MR. JONES, CITING FACT THAT MALAYSIA HAS CANCELLED AGREEMENT WITH VOA FOR RELAY STATION.

3. CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS OF DERIMOV ARTICLE ARE PARTICULARLY VENOMOUS WITH ACCUSATION THAT WESTERN MEDIA, INCLUDING CORRESPONDENTS, WORK HAND IN HAND WITH CIA. TO MAKE HIS CASE COMMENTATOR ALLUDES TO CASE OF DANIEL SCHORR, WHO WAS EXPELLED FROM USSR FOR ALLEGED ESPIONAGE AND WHO IS QUOTED AS ADMITTING TO CONNECTION WITH CIA.

4. COMMENT: DERIMOV ARTICLE IS BUT ONE OF SEVERAL THAT HAVE SURFACED RECENTLY CHARGING WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA WITH CARRYING ON DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN IN DEVELOPING WORLD. IT IS, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY POINTED IN ITS ASSOCIATION OF JOURNALISTS WITH CIA, AND IS THUS IN SAME VEIN AS RECENT TELEVISION PROGRAM ON WESTERN JOURNALISTS IN SOVIET UNION WHICH SPELLED OUT FOR SOVIETS DANGERS OF ASSOCIATION WITH WESTERN PRESS CORPS. (MOSCOW 6537) DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH PROBLEM OF UNRESTRICTED INFORMATION FLOW ACROSS NATIONAL BORDERS, SOVIETS WILL CONTINUE THEIR OWN DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO COUNTER SUCCESS THEY FEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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